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SUBJECT: PERON AND TORRIJOS SIGN JOINT DECLARATION

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT PERON AND PANAMANIAN LEADER TORRIJOS IN HIGH POINT OF LATTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT SIGNED TODAY (JAN 18) A DECLARATION OF COMMON PRINCIPLES. BELOW ARE SUMMARIZED HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TEXT. A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF TEXT IS BEING POUCHED TO DEPT AND AMEMBASSY PANAMA. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIRST HALF OF THE JOINT STATEMENT IS DEVOTED TO STANDARD THEMES, LOYALTY AND SUPPORT FOR THE IDEALS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, AN AFFIRMATION OF THE RIGHTS OF LDC'S TO ACHIEVE THEIR JUST ASPIRATIONS AND FURTHER SENTIMENTS IN A SIMILAR VEIN.

3. ON A MORE IMMEDIATE ISSUE THE GOP DECLARED ITS "SOLIDARITY AND TOTAL SUPPORT" FOR THE GOA POSITION ON THE MALVINAS ISLANDS ISSUE. IN RETURN, ARGENTINA, NOTING THAT TERRITORIAL DISPUTES

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IN LA AFFECT ALL LA STATES, MORE CAUTIOUSLY STATED ITS "COMPLETE

IDENTIFICATION WITH PANAMA IN HER LEGITIMATE DEMANDS WITH REFERENCE TO THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE RECUPERATION OF HER TERRITORY NOW CALLED THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE."

4. THE STATEMENT "EMPHASIZES" THE NEED TO RESTRUCTURE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM TO MEET CHANGED POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. NO SUGGESTED REFORMS ARE MENTIONED IN THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION.

5. IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO CUBA, THE PARTIES "INDICATE" THE DESIRABILITY OF EXTENDING THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA A RESPECT FOR "IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM" AND AN END TO SITUATIONS OF ISOLATION OF ANY LA NATION.

6. BOTH REAFFIRM THEIR CONVICTION THAT ACTIVITIES IN ONE STATE SHOULD NOT CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE OUTSIDE ITS BOUNDARIES AND JURISDICTION. FURTHER, WHERE TWO OR MORE STATES SHARE NATURAL RESOURCES BOTH PARTIES REPEAT THEIR SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTION 3129 (THE GOA INTRODUCED RESOLUTION).

7. BOTH RECOGNIZE THE INHERENT RIGHT OF COASTAL STATES TO EXPLORE, EXPLOIT AND CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES UP TO A TWO-HUNDRED MILE LIMIT.

8. BOTH SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF COASTAL STATES' TOTAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELVES.

9. THE TEXT ENDS BY NOTING THE DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC TIES.

10. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR THE QUALIFIED SUPPORT GIVEN PANAMA ON THE CANAL ISSUE, THE GOA AND PERON SEEM TO HAVE PROFITED MOST FROM THE TORRIJOS VISIT. IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TWO KEY ARGENTINE ISSUES (MALVINAS, NATURAL RESOURCES) TORRIJOS' VISIT GAVE PERON'S SAGGING IMAGE WITH LEFTIST YOUTH A MUCH NEEDED BOOST.
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